



Currently the Chief of Staff for the Nevada Army National Guard, Colonel D. Rodger Waters commissioned as a second lieutenant of Aviation upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in August 1992. He started his career with the 1-285th Attack Aviation Regiment (AH-64) at Silver Bell Army Heliport, Arizona, where he served as both attack and scout platoon leaders. As commander of the “Wolf Pack” (UH-60) he deployed with the 10th Mountain Division for Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo. As a lieutenant colonel he served as the first commander of the 17th Special Troops Battalion and most recently he commanded the 991st Multifunctional Brigade.

Staff assignments include a tour with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as Brigade Tactical Group operations officer at the National Training Center, with the 82nd Airborne Division as an Afghan National Army planner and operations officer, and as the Nevada Army National Guard Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (G4), Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management (G6) and Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation and Safety (SAAO). Colonel Waters also served as Staff Director to the U.S. House of Representatives Select Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, as Chair for the Department of Military Science at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, as adjunct faculty to the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and as a Brookings Institute Legislative Fellow.

Colonel Waters’ military education includes Aviation Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officer Course, U.S. Air Force Air War College and National War College (earning a Master of Science in National Security Strategy). In his civilian studies, he earned a Master of Business Administration at the University of Nevada-Reno and a post-graduate certificate in Advanced Public Policy Leadership from George Washington University. Furthermore, he is a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows program, Syracuse University National Security Management program and the Leadership at the Peak program at the Center for Creative Leadership.

His civilian affiliations include the Boys Scouts of America, where he is the Executive Vice President for the Nevada Area Council; the American Legion, where he served as the Department of Nevada Commander; Nevada Boys’ State, where he served as the Program Chairman; the Veterans Guest House, where he served as the President of the Board of Directors; and, Rotary International, where COL Waters is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

Colonel Waters' decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal. He earned the Army Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Scuba Badge, and Ranger Tab. Additionally, he is a 1999 recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.